

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021 at 7.00 pm,
held at Village Hall, Barrack Hill, Coleshill

Parish Councillors: Tony Treacy (AT) Chair
Nigel Suttie (NS)
Louise Templeton (LT)
Parish Clerk: Lynda Jackson (LJ)
County Councillors: Carl Jackson (CJ), Simon Rouse (SR) (from 7.20pm)
Members of Public: 2
Jonathan Herbert (JH)
Andrew Davis (AD)
Neil Cadman (NC)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Daly & Butcher (BC)
2. **Minutes of previous meetings:** It was moved by AT and **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021 be signed as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Declaration of Interest:** None
4. **Matters Arising:** None

Meeting Closed: 19:02

DEMOCRATIC PERIOD-

By email & in person – Len Tridgell regarding the Chilterns being extended from AONB to National Park status. The prospect has been recorded in the press along with the Cotswolds. Mr Tridgell explained that the possibility is being fronted up by Natural England who want to know what locals think and to encourage local Town & Parish Councils to work together to support the plan. CJ explained that the Government's priority is to not change the AONB but expand it. Mr Tridgell explained that the move was to secure the current planning system. CJ advised the meeting that it would be best to contact Chiltern Conservation Board to find out where they are at with the proposal.

By Email – Rosalind Pearce regarding PROW through Cherry tree farm which is impassable in places plus a sign had been badly placed. Also the path alongside Oak tree cottage was also badly overgrown on both sides. JH advised he thought Agripower may already have cleared the path but that both landowners should be contacted.

By Email – Adrian Hobcroft regarding the increase in traffic in the village. Mr Hobcroft contacted CPC after reading the article about reducing the speed limit on Magpie Lane. Mr Hobcroft included a video of 15minutes which showed the increased number of vehicles passing his property on Village Road at 6.15pm one evening. Mr Hobcroft suggested the speed limit on village road around the school area should be reduced to 20mph to act as a deterrent to those commuters using the village as a short-cut between the A355 & A404. JH advised that the Community Hub were looking to purchase hand held speed detection equipment that would be available to borrow. It was **agreed** that a volunteer group would be required to use this equipment and that an article should be put into the next newsletter.

By Email – Ann Lawrence regarding the overgrown hedges outside the Rosary and Red Cottage. It was **agreed** that letters should be sent to both property owners requesting they cut back their hedges as a matter of urgency to ensure road safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

By email – Terence Prideaux regarding co-ordinating the village litter picks. Mr Prideaux advised that he was no longer able to co-ordinate the regular village litter-picks. It was **agreed** that an article be placed in

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the next newsletter and also current volunteers be approached to take on the position which included safe storage of litter-pickers, hi-vis and bags.

Dick Ware – regarding a previous comment on the increase in Village Road traffic. Mr Ware explained that as his property sits directly on Village Road he would be aware if there had been an unusual increase in traffic through the village and he had not seen anything. Mr Ware also advised that at the last meeting the Clerk had said it was a legal requirement to send a copy of the village newsletter Inc. past copies to the British Library. After investigation Mr Ware advised Council that it was only publishers who had to send copies of publications.

Len Tridgell – regarding the recent Newcomers party. Mr Tridgell advised the meeting that the event had been a great success with excellent attendance.

Meeting re-opened: 19:35

5. Clerk's Report: - Open Spaces Society Grant a Green scheme –After being given more details of the scheme it was **agreed** that both the Jack Adams Field and Hill Meadow play area should both be registered with the Open Spaces Society to protect them from any possible development in the future.

- The deadline for applying to the Bucks community schemes is 30.9.21

- Amersham Hub defibrillator scheme – it was **agreed** that the Cricket Club would be ideal location for a defibrillator but also the Harte & Magpies should be put forward as it sits on the A355.

- Queens Jubilee 2nd-5th June 2022 – it was **agreed** that CPC would support events in the village. It was important to reach out to others to seek volunteers and identify what monies would be required so that they could be put into the budget.

- Remembrance day – It was **agreed** that the Clerk should order a wreath for delivery to AT.

6. Report from Planning & Bucks updates:

i) **Ref. No: PL/21/2785/FA** | Ambleside, Tower Road Coleshill

NO OBJECTION

Ref. No: PL/21/3527/KA | Barrack House, Barrack Hill, Coleshill

NO OBJECTION

ii) **Bucks update-** SR gave an update on progress of the actions taken away on 3rd August. He confirmed that the new bin would be installed at the entrance to Jack Adams Field next month. The finance issue had been resolved. Regarding the speeding issue SR informed the meeting that he sat on the Thames Valley police crime panel and that next year there would be a relaunch of the Community Speedwatch programme. SR advised he was happy to support with Speedwatch in Coleshill and purchasing equipment. JH informed SR that over 110 Councils had been contacted at the request of ACHub to find out how they had progressed with speed reduction requests in their parishes and the overall response was negative. The huge cost was a major issue, the lack of engagement and obstacles with Transport for Bucks were another. JH went on to add that given the huge response to the 2 petitions on the applications he found it very disappointing that no-one from Bucks Road Safety or TFB had arranged to meet with CPC to discuss the issues. SR reminded Council that both he and CJ would like to come to the village for a walk-around hosted by CPC. The gully plan and schedule for cleaning is currently with TFB & the LATs, as soon as it is available it will be forwarded to CPC. CJ updated Council on the issue with no HS2/ HGV signage at the entrance to Magpie Lane & New Road. CJ is waiting for Align to come back to him with further updates.

iii) **Transport report** – A copy of JH's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There will be a public consultation for residents to complete from 24.9.21 at the latest on reducing the speed limit on the A355. 2 Community Boards have taken ownership of this application. JH informed the meeting that as no-one had reported any issues to CPC on Magpie Lane that the application was 'marked down' which is disappointing. It was agreed that a clear article on how to report incidents online to the police should be put into the newsletter this should make it easier for residents. JH

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advised there may be a delay in David Hall coming to the village to complete the verge and hedge cutting, it is expected nothing will be done before mid-October.

iv) Parish Charter & email from Buckland PC – an email from Buckland PC had been circulated that criticised the wording of the Charter on planning matters. Buckland were stating that they were not prepared to sign the Charter in its current form. Councillors agreed that the wording was ambiguous and could be improved. It was **agreed** that an email to BALC should be sent detailing what CPC supported in Buckland's email.

v) Amended Bucks Model Code of Conduct – It was **agreed** unanimously to **adopt** the new Code of Conduct that had previously been circulated.

vi) Welcome Back Fund – NS suggested that CMC had enough to deal with at the moment rather than adding more pressures by applying to the Fund. AT had suggested that an application could be made for a picnic area on the Common or more benches. NS went on to say that Penny Ware is not as active at the moment so the committee are 1 person down, there are no plans to replace. The Clerk was asked to check whether replacing or making good equipment at the Play Area would qualify also whether a contribution towards next year's Bioblitz event.

vii) Bus Service Strategy – JH advised that as the bus service to and from Colehill is so infrequent it will never be used regularly, a Dial a Service would be much more useful. The current buses are old and polluters which should be scrapped and the whole service started again. AD advised before the pandemic he was a regular user of the bus however getting online deliveries is now cheaper than the bus fare.

viii) Licensing policy strategy- The Clerk was asked to complete on behalf of Colehill PC.

7. Report from Open Spaces: LT & NS had provided a report on their responsibility areas and the items needing action and approval. This was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

i) Monthly Play inspections –LT had completed inspections at both sites. LT advised that the wasp nest at Hill Meadow had been treated but a check would be kept on whether further treatment was needed. The Multi-play roof had now been painted by volunteers.

ii) Chiltern Conservation Board elections – It was **agreed** that Valerie Marshall was the Council's preferred candidate.

iii) Common Management Committee update –NS informed the meeting that the Chiltern Rangers tractor had broken down when it came to cut the central grass on the Common but that it would be returning to complete the job on 21.9.21. On 11th September an attempt had been made to rebuild the bridge with 3 sleepers, unfortunately the middle one was twisted, it is expected to be completed on 6.10.21. On 22nd August the Explorer Day was held with great success and more volunteers are coming forward. May 2022 will host the Bioblitz event. NS explained that the CMC would like CPC to contribute £700 towards the Bioblitz event. NS was asked to supply a breakdown of what would be purchased with these monies as the amount would have to be agreed by Council as part of the budget process next month. It is expected that the Wheatsheaf path will be completed by the end of the financial year. Council **approved** the expenditure that may be requested from TCV, for the excess over £2k for materials purchased for the paths and bridge work.

iv) Christmas lights annual PAT check and quote for possibly raising the height of the catenary wire – Council **approved** the quote from Sparkx for a PAT test however JH had previously advised he thought the inspector had been incorrect as no vehicle would be allowed to drive under the wire as it is a graveyard therefore it was an unnecessary expense to raise the height of the wire. JH had explained that the current height of the wire is well above the current IEE Wiring regulations.

v) Village noticeboard on Village Road – Council **agreed** that an application should be made to Amersham Community Hub for support in purchasing and installing a replacement unlocked noticeboard. If unsuccessful then monies should be put into next year's budget.

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8. Finance: The RFO had provided a report which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

i) Cashbook, Bank balances and reconciliation as at 30.08.21– the previously circulated documents were **approved**.

ii) 2022-23 draft budget– the RFO had provided a 1st draft of a budget for the next financial year which included Councillor requests. It was **agreed** that Councillors would scrutinise each line and send back any changes or additions by 11th October.

iii) Cricket Club rent review - The RFO had reviewed and adjusted the annual rent based on the RPI formula. AT requested that this item be discussed along with item 10 on the agenda this was **agreed**.

iv) Honors Board update quote – The quote from Manor signs, option 3, was **approved** a volunteer Councillor will arrange to take the Board over to Aylesbury and collect when ready.

11. Items for payment:

The payments CB21-33-through to CB21-35 - through to CB41-49 for August & September totalling £1575.43 (Inc. VAT) were **approved**.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2021					
CB No.	NAME	ITEM	TOTAL	VAT	NET
CB21-33	L Jackson	July pay	344.26	0.00	344.26
CB21-34	L Jackson	phone top-up, ionos fee	21.99	2.00	19.99
CB21-35	A Treacy	reimbursement newsletter printing	198.00	0.00	198.00
CB21-41	L Jackson	August pay	284.28	0.00	284.28
CB21-42	L Jackson	phone top-up, ionos fee	21.99	2.00	19.99
CB21-43	N Cadman	reimbursement solicitor fee for JAF deed of gift covenant advice	240.00	0.00	240.00
CB21-44	R Amarasinghe	July grass cutting	165.00	0.00	165.00
CB21-45	BALC	planning course L Daly	60.00	0.00	60.00
CB21-46	DM Payroll services	1st half fee	60.00	0.00	60.00
CB21-47	Buckinghamshire Council	election costs	104.61	0.00	104.61
CB21-48	Michael Connolly	CMC mushroom tree prune	70.00	0.00	70.00
CB21-49	Louise Templeton	reimburse for wasp treatment HM play area	5.30	0.00	5.30
	TOTAL		1575.43	4.00	1571.43

12. Councillors reports for areas of responsibility:

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Cricket Club lease progress & future of Club – NC advised there was to be a meeting of the Club on 21.9.21 with core players on how the Club will run in the future. The lease has now expired and any future lease should include an accurate boundary. NC had received an initial quote of £3k + VAT from Brittain's solicitors to provide a new up to date lease based on the Clubs requirements. It was agreed that the lease and rent review should be put on hold until CPC have heard from the Club on its future and whether they wish to continue with a new lease.

Environment & Climate change meeting 4.8.21- LD attended the meeting and sent a summary to Councillors prior to tonight's meeting.

Newsletter – AD had sent a report on the newsletter to Councillors. It was agreed that the flyer for the Xmas greetings would be included in the autumn edition of the newsletter. Payment can be made by cheque, cash or bank transfer. The Clerk will send the correct bank details to AT to ensure there is no repetition of last year when funds went into the deposit account.

Village AGM 4.8.21 – AT gave an overview of the meeting advising that Dick Ware & Nigel Wolfendale have been re-elected and the finance of the Hall is robust. The Hall is now back on regular bookings. The Hall received a £10k Covid grant last year.

Sarah Green MP contact – Our MP requested the Chair's contact details so that she could get an update on issues affecting the village. AT is still waiting to hear from Sarah.

12. Next Meeting date: Monday 18th October at 7pm in the Village Hall.

20:56pm.Meeting Closed.

Signed Date